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1. Piestany (P 49/T 44) airfield is just north of Piestany, east of the railroad line and 500 to 1,000 meters north of the railroad station. It covers an area 800 to 1,000 meters by about 500 meters which is surrounded by level terrain. The field had a grass cover but no runway. Hangars were located in the southeastern corner of the field. No flight obstacles were observed in its surroundings. On 17 April 1952, 10 small single-engine, low-wing monoplanes and 1 single-engine biplane, probably older types, were located at the field. About 30 men formed a semi-circle around a plane. They were probably being given instruction. *

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2. an airfield was under construction in a valley in Hronec near Brezno. Construction work allegedly started in World War II during the Slovak rebellion. Various convicts who were quartered in a cantonment not far from the field were said to be employed for construction work. **

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* Comment. The report indicates that no improvement work has been conducted at Piestany airfield. It is believed that a training unit is stationed there as only aircraft of an older type were observed at the field.

** Comment. This is the first report on the construction of an airfield near Brezno nad Hronom. As the area is not suitable for a large airfield, it is believed that an airfield for glider training or for emergency landings by commercial aircraft was under construction.

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